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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 16, 1983

Dear Senator Cranston:

Thank you for your letter of February 28 on behalf of your constituents, concerning the detention in Argentina of Ana Esther Koldorf.

The Government of Argentina has been accelerating the release of persons held without charges under the state of siege authority of the National Executive, the so-called PEN prisoners. The Minister of the Interior has said that there will be no prisoners in the PEN status by the time the military returns power to an elected civilian government in early 1984.

We do not know the current status of Ms. Koldorf. Cases of PEN detentions are systematically reviewed by the Argentine authorities and we are hopeful that prisoners will continue to be released. The current number of PEN detainees is 243 and new releases are occurring monthly.

We will ask our Embassy in Buenos Aires to follow-up on the status of Ms. Koldorf's case and to forward to you any available information.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director


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